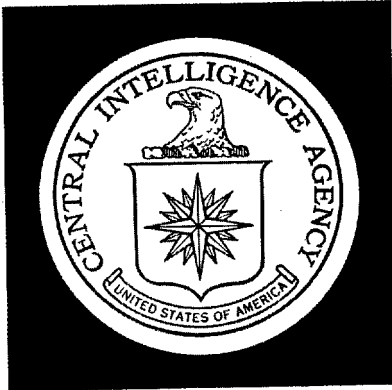


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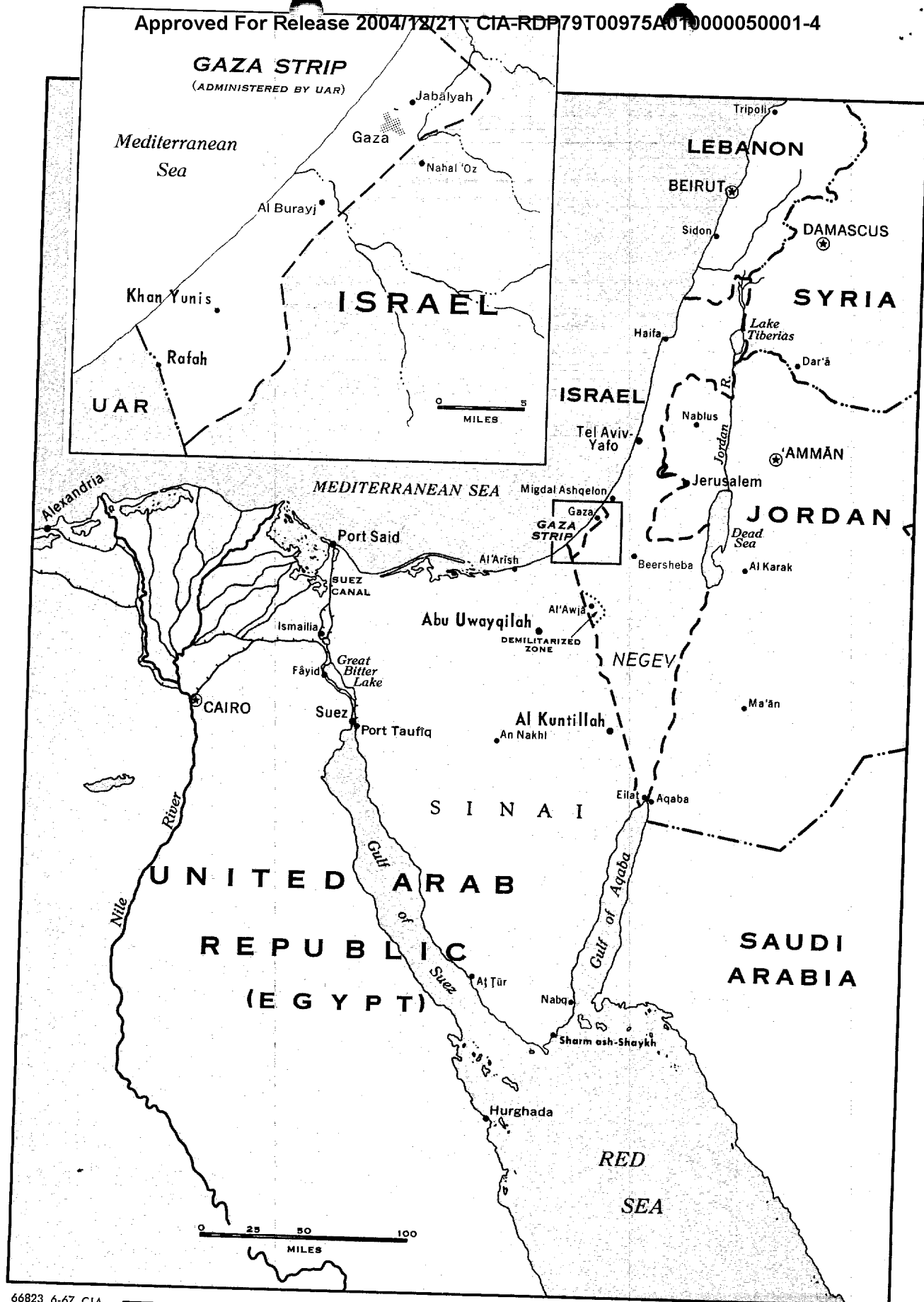
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Arab States - Israel: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

Cairo may be preparing to launch a campaign urging strikes against US interests throughout the Arab world.

Cairo's Voice of the Arabs last night claimed it had actual proof that US and British aircraft carriers played a role in the Israeli "aggression." Both Egypt and Syria in their domestic radiobroadcasts this morning called on the "Arab masses" to destroy all US and "imperialist" interests in the "Arab homeland." Such statements have not yet been monitored on Cairo's international broadcasts, however.

Demonstrations have already taken place against US embassies and installation all over the Arab world. Mobs have attacked the US and British embassies in Tripoli and the US consulate in Benghazi. A march on Wheelus Air Force Base was prevented, but the headquarters of the American-owned Oasis Oil Company was reportedly taken over by its Libyan employees, who have been issued orders to close down all oil operations. US and British embassies in Tunisia have also been sacked, and the British consulate in Basra, Iraq, has been attacked. The US cultural center in Algiers has been ransacked, and demonstrations took place in Khartoum.

Arab oil-producing countries, now meeting in Baghdad, say they will stop selling oil to any country which supports Israel in the Middle East fighting. Any oil company making oil available to Israel "from any source or in any form" would be subjected to a collective ban in the Arab world. Baghdad radio said this morning that the pumping of Iraqi oil had been stopped "because of US and UK attitudes."

Israel appears to have gained an early and perhaps overwhelming victory in the air but the progress of the war on the ground is still unclear. (continued)

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In Egypt, Israeli air raids were directed against Egyptian airfields and also against Port Said. Three Syrian airfields were hit. In Amman, Jordan the airfield, the radio station, and the royal palace were bombed.

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The Israeli military has stated that Syrian and Jordanian planes have attacked targets within Israel. According to Baghdad radio, Iraqi planes raided an Israeli airport and destroyed seven planes, but this is unconfirmed.

If Israeli claims regarding damages to Arab combat aircraft--mostly by strafing and bombing--are valid, they have destroyed the entire Jordanian inventory of 21, two thirds of the Syrian inventory of 69, and 250 of about 430 Egyptian aircraft,

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The Israelis also claim to have destroyed several Arab transports and helicopters.

Arab counterclaims of 158 Israeli combat aircraft destroyed seem grossly exaggerated, but the exact losses to the Israeli force of approximately 270 planes are not known. The Israelis announced the loss of 19 pilots and 19 planes, which presumes none were destroyed on the ground.

Firm information on ground action remains sparse. The Israelis claim they have captured the "outer positions" of Al Kuntillah in southeastern Sinai and reached the outskirts of Al-Arish in northern Sinai. They also say they have taken Khan Yunis in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, the scene of the heaviest fighting. If their claim is true, the Israelis have cut off Egyptian and Palestinian troops in the northern section of the Strip.

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There has been no evidence to confirm an Israeli claim that prior to the outbreak of fighting, the Egyptian 4th armored division had moved forward to the Al Kuntillah area along with a force of division strength, comprising infantry and armored elements. The Israelis claim that hostilities broke out when they moved to intercept a force in this area moving toward Israeli territory.

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Yesterday's official Soviet statement on the war predictably condemned Israel and promised "resolute" support to the Arabs. Moscow said it reserved the right to take "all steps that might be necessitated by the situation" but made no specific commitment.

The UN Security Council reconvenes at 11:30 EDT this morning to again consider a ceasefire resolution.

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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: North Vietnamese Army (NVA) forces are continuing to re-occupy positions in the southeastern portion of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and in adjacent areas of northeastern Quang Tri Province.

Allied operations conducted in this area from 17 to 28 May forced at least a temporary withdrawal and/or dispersal of Communist main force units from positions threatening strategic US Marine outposts just south of the DMZ.

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Political Developments in South Vietnam: Supporters of Premier Ky appear to be engaged in a series of political maneuvers designed to bolster Ky's chances in the race for the future presidency of South Vietnam.]

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Nigeria: Federal government head Gowon has conditionally excluded oil tankers from his proclaimed blockade of Eastern Nigeria.

The tankers will be required to stop at Lagos to be searched for arms and other contraband before proceeding to loading facilities in the East. This arrangement may keep Nigeria's crude flowing, at least until Eastern Governor Ojukwu decides the time is ripe to demand royalty and income tax payments, which now are being made to a special federal account in London.

Shipment of refined products, which must be loaded at the refinery near Port Harcourt, soon may cease because most of the pilots needed for the trip upriver to the refinery are now in Lagos. The Lagos-based oil marketing companies, which until now have obtained refined products at Port Harcourt, reportedly have placed orders abroad.

Most general cargo shippers appear for the present to be complying with Gowon's ban on contacts with the East, although Ojukwu claims palm oil is still being exported. Other federal economic measures to close off the East do not seem likely to force Ojukwu to rescind the East's secession.

The federal army still has not moved against the East, although the military build-up is continuing on both sides of the border separating the former Eastern and Northern regions.

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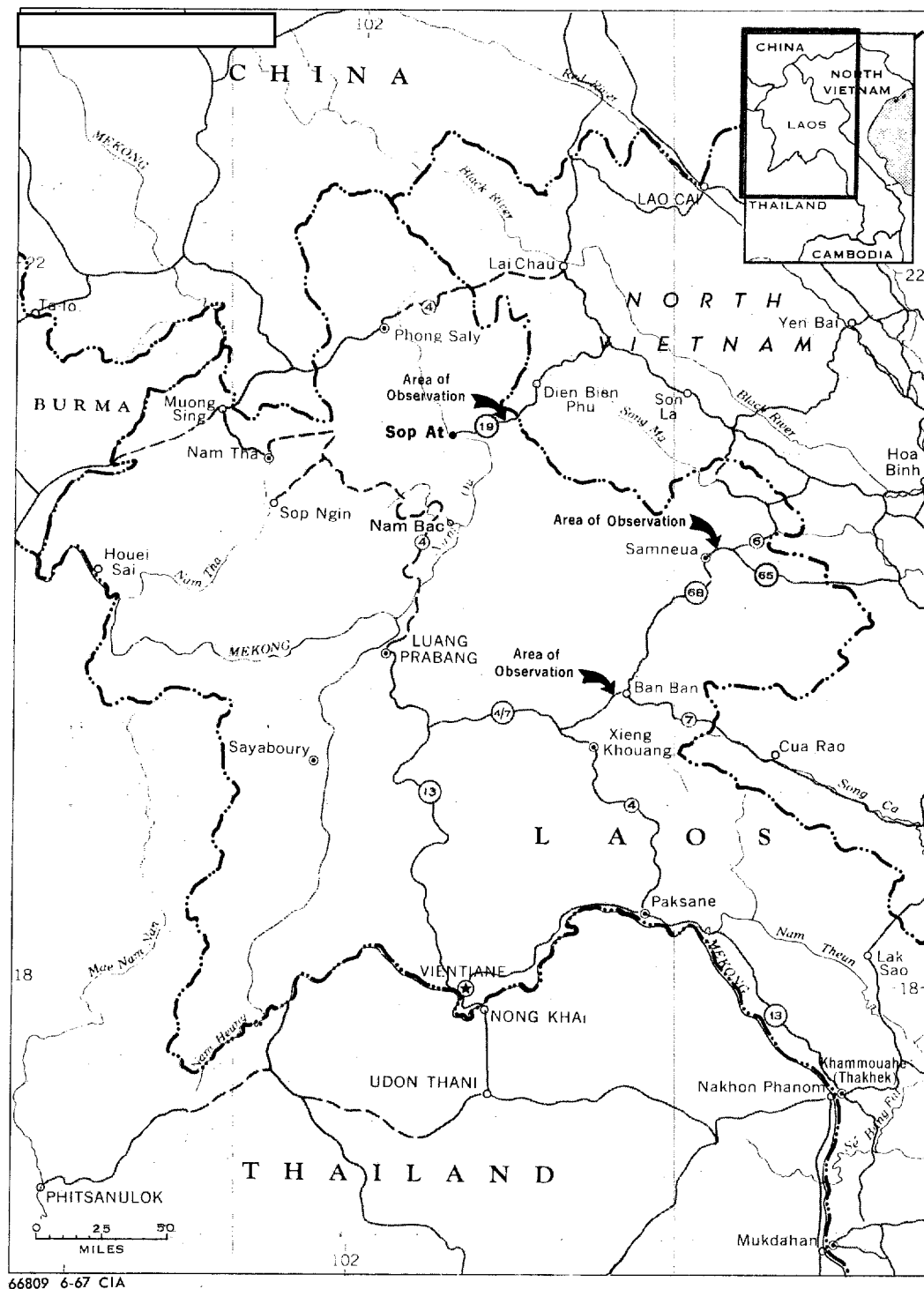
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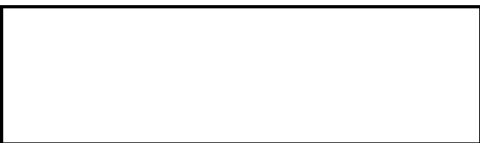
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